

## What Will Smarter Balanced Assessments Mean for Me?

Smarter Balanced is developing new assessments that measure the Common Core State Standards and help all students prepare for college and career. When the new assessments are implemented in the 2014-15 school year, parents, teachers, and policymakers will have better tools and information to track student progress and help them succeed.



### Students

- ▶ I am challenged to complete complex tasks and apply my knowledge
- ▶ I know how I am progressing toward college- and career-readiness
- ▶ My test results will be accurate regardless of my ability, disability or proficiency in English



### Parents

- ▶ My child's class time is focused on learning and not on testing
- ▶ My child will have opportunities to improve
- ▶ I will know whether my child's school is performing as well as it should



### Teachers

- ▶ I won't be surprised by the test results at the end of the year
- ▶ I will have the supports I need to help my students
- ▶ The assessments measure the right things in the right way



### Policymakers

- ▶ We are sharing costs with other states to provide a world-class test
- ▶ We can compare the performance and growth of our schools, districts and state so that we can improve
- ▶ We know the test will work for us because we helped build it